

*Wind Turbine Company To Open Manufacturing Facility Outside New Orleans*  
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WASHINGTON, DC — Today, U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon (LA-03) welcomed the announcement that Blade Dynamics, a wind turbine technology company, will open a manufacturing facility in New Orleans, creating at least 600 new jobs over the next decade. The operations will be located at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Michoud Assembly Facility, which was formerly used by NASA and Lockheed Martin for the construction of external fuel tanks for the U.S. Space Shuttle. Congressman Melancon has supported green energy incentives in Congress to help growing companies like Blade Dynamics expand and create new jobs.

**“While Louisiana’s economy has taken a number of hits over the past few months, today’s announcement is a reminder that we will continue to grow if we keep innovating and pursuing new opportunities,”** said Rep. Melancon. **“Landing a major player in green energy technology like Blade Dynamics is further proof that Louisiana has an experienced and skilled workforce capable of meeting the challenge of emerging, high-tech markets. I will continue to support incentives that bring new businesses to our state, so our people don’t have to leave home to find good jobs.”**

In Congress, Melancon supported new and expanded federal tax credits for green energy businesses that were included in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (“Recovery Act”). Congressman Melancon also supported the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act in 2008, which extended the Production Tax Credit for wind energy companies.

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